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**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES:**

**ATTENTION: SA CASEWORKERS AND SUPERVISORS**

**SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF STATE/COUNTY SPECIAL ASSISTANCE (SA) TRAINING**

On September 6, 2005 we announced the **State/County Special Assistance (SA) Training** to be conducted at ten locations across the state during October and November 2005, contingent upon travel restrictions being lifted. After serious consideration, the Division has decided to **postpone the State/County Special Assistance training until Spring 2006** due to the need for state and local government agencies to remain conservative in fuel usage.

Some of you have already registered and we would like to thank you for your quick response. We apologize for any inconvenience this change may cause you. However, we have also heard from many county staff who could not plan to attend the SA training due to county travel restrictions imposed as a result of the rise in fuel costs that occurred following the recent hurricanes.

We are hopeful that by Spring 2006 the travel restrictions at the county and state levels will have eased allowing for a higher participation rate. A Dear County Director letter will be issued to notify you of the revised training schedule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne P. Merrill".

Suzanne P. Merrill, Chief  
Adult Services Section

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